
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 867 (File 480, as amended by Senate "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING FACULTY REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires the chairperson of the Board of Regents for Higher Education's (BOR) faculty advisory committee to serve as an ex-officio, nonvoting BOR member for a two-year term. However, the bill prohibits this faculty chairperson from attending BOR executive sessions.

While the bill adds this ex-officio faculty member to BOR, it does not increase the total number of BOR members from 19, under current law, to 20.

*Senate Amendment "A" (1) eliminates the requirement that the vice-chairperson of the faculty advisory committee also serve as an ex-officio, nonvoting BOR member and (2) adds a term of two years to the faculty member's service on BOR, which coincides with his or her two-year term as chair of the advisory committee under current law (CGS § 10a-3a(c)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

BACKGROUND

Definition of Executive Sessions

Executive sessions are meetings that are closed to the public for the purpose of discussing:

1. the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee;
2. pending claims or litigation to which a public agency or member

is a party;

3. security strategy, deployment of security personnel, or public security devices;
4. the lease, sale, or purchase of real estate by a political subdivision of the state, when public discussion may cause a price increase prior to final transaction; or
5. any matter that would disclose information in public records that are not subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/26/2013)